

HOUSE BILL 2657

By Sexton C

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 35, relative to sentencing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Transparency In Sentencing For Victims Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-210, is amended by deleting subsection (e) and substituting:

(e) In order to ensure fair and consistent sentencing, when the court imposes a sentence, it shall place on the record, either orally or in writing:

(1) What enhancing or mitigating factors were considered, if any;

(2) The reasons for the sentence; and

(3) For a sentence of continuous confinement, the estimated number of years and months the defendant will serve before becoming eligible for release.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it and applies to sentencing hearings conducted on or after that date.